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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated September 16, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 72 and 74-77), with traverse. Applicants note that an election from three groups was set forth in the above-referenced restriction requirement; however, it is respectfully submitted that the species set forth in subsection b) on page 4 of the restriction requirement is a condition to be treated as set forth in subsection a) of the requirement for an election of species in view of the recitation of the connecting term "or" at line 4 of previously presented claim 72. As to the requirement for an election of species, Applicants elect the treatment of an obesity related condition and type II diabetes. As to the requirement for an election of species as the agent, Applicants hereby elect ApM1. Applicants further submit that pending claims 72 and 74-75 read upon the elected invention.

Prior to the examination of the subject application, it is respectfully requested that the application be amended as follows: